

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace paragraph [0001] with the following amended paragraph:

[0001] This application claims priority based on parent application serial no. 09/855,024, entitled "METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR ENCODING WIDE STRIPED CELLS" by Andrew Chang, Ronak Patel and Ming Wong, filed on May 15, 2001, now U.S. Patent No. 6,735,218, which was based on U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/249,871, entitled "METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR ENCODING WIDE STRIPED CELLS" by Andrew Chang, Ronak Patel and Ming Wong, filed on November 17, 2000.